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TOPIC Information on KVP and VP Units in East BerlinEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 30 November 1953REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 4 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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1. On 19 October 1953, the Magerviehhof in Berlin-Friedrichsfelde quartered KVP units of undetermined strength. The installation was heavily guarded. Soldiers seen there wore dark red and black collar patches. No heavy weapons were observed. Motor vehicles observed at the installation

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2. On 21 October, the VEB Ludwigsfelde had quartered 150 KVP personnel since early October. The soldiers who were kept isolated from the workers were quartered at the main administrative building of the plant. The KVP personnel were armed with pistols, rifles and submachine guns. Five trucks and four small personnel carriers were seen in front of the installation. 2

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3. Between 10 and 21 October, just as prior to 17 June, the Friedrich Karl Kaserne on Geschwister Scholl Strasse quartered VP personnel and a VP motor pool in the total strength of about 300 men. The KVP unit previously stationed there had left. On 15 October, about 60 men from 25 to 35 years old were seen doing close order drill in the billeting area.

During the period under review the Alexandrinen Kaserne on Geschwister Scholl Strasse was again used by the Humboldt University in Berlin. 3

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4. The sector boundaries were guarded by VP personnel from 25 to 30 years old. The number of guard personnel had slightly decreased. 3

5. On 21 October, [] the barracks installation on Seelenbinder Strasse, which was occupied by VP personnel, was scheduled to be enlarged. The area bordered by Gelnitz Strasse and Brandenburger Platz and Waldstrasse was confiscated and the allotment gardens located there had to be vacated. Sections of prefabricated houses were piled up in the area east of the barracks installation. Foundations for temporary buildings were already under construction. 3

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6. On 19 October, the barracks installation on Geschwister Scholl Strasse only quartered VP personnel who wore blue uniforms. Nine details of 10 men each were being trained with submachine guns in the billeting area. Sizable quantities of timber to be used for the construction of single-story wooden buildings, the foundations of which had been completed, arrived. On 7 October, when the installation still quartered a KVP unit, [] 14 trucks [] a tank truck with trailer and three motor-cycles in the billeting area. On 11 October, 300 VP personnel were seen for the first time at the barracks installation. 3

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7. Between 7 and 23 October, [] 2,000 to 3,000 KVP personnel with red service color at the barracks installation and the barracks camp west of the Adlershof elevated train station. Up to 18 trucks each loaded with about 25 men were seen leaving the installation toward Lichtenberg at varying times. [] the soldiers seen were guard details. An estimated 200 to 250 men were repeatedly seen doing infantry training and close order drill at the airfield. []

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8. The new KVP barracks installation in Johannisthal at the intersection of Grossberlinerdaam and Segelfliegerdaam quartered about 600 KVP personnel with crimson and yellow-bordered black epaulets. From the many officers and sedans seen [] inferred that the installation quartered a high-echelon headquarters. No training activity was noticed. []

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25X1 The two southern buildings of a factory east of Segelfliegerdamm and northwest of the airfield only quartered a guard detail the members of which wore red epaulets. [redacted] the KVP detail previously stationed there had left. 5

9. Between 12 and 25 October, [redacted] the Bornholmerstrasse elevated train station was occupied by a detail of the transportation police employed for the guarding of the sector boundary. [redacted] this detail that police units assigned border guard missions were stationed in Berlin-Rummelsdorf, Pankow, and on Geschwister Scholl Strasse. [redacted]

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10. About 2 p.m. on 23 October, a KVP convoy of 14 trucks [redacted] and 8 to 10 motorcycles was seen proceeding from Altfriedrichsfelde toward Lichtenberg. Each of the trucks was loaded with 25 men who wore red collar patches.

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11. On 26 October, the Alexandrinen Kaserne on Geschwister Scholl Strasse quartered about 300 VPs. Prior to 18 October, KVP vehicles had been seen at the installation. [redacted]. Most of the VP personnel stationed at the installation were employed for guard missions along the sector boundaries of the city. Two foundations for single-story temporary buildings were being constructed in the billeting area. 3

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13. The installation on Heinrich Mann Strasse quartered about 100 KVPs with green service color, while an installation on Wahnschaffestrasse quartered about 200 VPs. Only some KVP vehicles were seen. 6

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14. Between 12 and 26 October, [redacted] the Paradiesgarten Restaurant on Bulgarische Strasse in Berlin-Treptow which had quartered 200 to 250 KVP personnel since 18 September, had been vacated. At the same time, the former municipal orphanage in Rummelsburg quartered a KVP unit of undetermined strength. From 10 to 15x76-mm guns and the same number of armored scout cars, probably of type BA-64, were observed with the unit. 7

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25X1 1. [] Comment. A central KVP supply depot is located at the Magerviehnhof. Mainly motor vehicle replacement parts are stored at the installation which also houses a motor vehicle repair shop.

25X1 2. [] Comment. Already in August, Ludwigsfelde was temporarily occupied by KVP personnel, an advance detail of Bereitschaft Kietz. The KVP personnel seen [] also believed to be an advance detail of a KVP unit scheduled to be moved to Ludwigsfelde. [] a Sonder Kommando (regiment) of the Ministry of the Interior is scheduled to be organized in Ludwigsfelde. Another possibility is that the Sonder Kommando which was formed from former Bereitschaft Kietz and moved to Gotha in late August 1953 may be sent to Ludwigsfelde. []

25X1 3. [] Comment. After the units of the Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin left Berlin, guard missions along the sector boundaries of the city were again assigned to the VP, which is subordinate to the East Berlin Police Headquarters. The former VP Bereitschaftskommandos were reorganized into three Bereitschaften of increased personnel strength which were given better arms. The headquarters of these Bereitschaften are located in Rummelsburg, Pankow and on Geschwister Scholl Strasse in Berlin.

25X1 4. [] Comment. The installation involved quarters the SSD guard regiment and KVP units including a so-called sedan battalion. The soldiers of the SSD guard regiment wear red service color.

25X1 5. [] Comment. The installation houses sections of the Ministry of the Interior/KVP including the political administration, which had been located on Behrenstrasse prior to late September.

25X1 6. [] Comment. The installation on Heinrich Mann Strasse houses the Main Administration of the Border Police and guard personnel.

25X1 7. [] Comment. No KVP unit is known to be stationed in Rummelsburg. The information may refer to rear details of Mechanized Bereitschaft Eggesin. [] the Bereitschaften of the VP are scheduled to be equipped with heavy arms including armored scout cars. It is therefore possible that the troops observed did not belong to a KVP unit but to an East Berlin Bereitschaft. In this respect mention is made of the fact that special units of the VP and the SSD were recently issued the same uniforms as the KVP.

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2. On 5 November, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne was occupied about 90 percent by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 7 November, 132-mm rocket launcher left the installation. About 15 to 20 soldiers engaged in excavation work at the training area, a former glider field.

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3. On 5 November, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne was occupied not to capacity. On 23 October, an undetermined number of troops maintained several T-34/85 tanks in front of the garages in the barracks area and about 10 JS tanks were seen in an open field just north of the installation.

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4. On 5 November, the Schlossgarten restricted area was only lightly occupied. Sources believed that major elements of troops had been discharged and had left for the USSR. On 25 October, a column of 15 trucks, and 1 sedan, was seen en route toward Alt-Strelitz, coming from the direction of the town. On 31 October and 5 November, motor vehicles were seen proceeding in the same direction

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5. On 5 November, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne was heavily occupied. On 27 October, tank truck occupied by 1 officer and 1 driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia, was seen leaving the installation. On 3 November, trucks loaded with fuel drums and a large kitchen boiler, entered the installation, coming from the direction of Fuerstenberg. On 28 October, reports of tank guns were heard from

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the area south of Karpin.

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[redacted] all Soviet-occupied installations in Neustrelitz, except for the Neue Infanterie Kaserne, occupied to capacity prior to 20 October. [redacted] Information [redacted] paragraph 1 to 4 tends to indicate that major elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div were absent from the post during the period under review. Although there is reason to believe that individual units conducted small-scale exercises in the vicinity of the post until early November, no indications are for a prolonged absence of troop units. It, therefore, can be assumed that [redacted] estimates were influenced by the observation of departures in connection with the personnel exchange. As, however, at the same time recruits arrived at the installations, it is believed that, in general, strength figures remained about the same. This assumption to a certain extent, is supported by information in paragraph 5.

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